

Sullivan County NH  
Delegation Executive Finance Committee  
5/11/09  
14 Main Street  
Newport  
Woodhull County Complex  
Commissioners Conference Room

Executive Finance Committee members present: Reps. Suzanne Gottling,  
John Cloutier, Joe Osgood, Beverly Rodeschin, Jim  
McClammer (arrived @ 8:25am)

Exofficio Delegation members present: Cynthia Sweeney (delegation clerk),  
Ray Gagnon (delegation chair)

Other County Officials: Ted Purdy, Greg Chanis, Mike Prozzo, Ross  
Cunningham

Members of the Public: Larry Converse, Jeff Goff

Meeting gaveled to order by Chairman Gottling at 8:07 am.

I. Minutes of 3/30 meeting.

Motion to accept by Rep. John Cloutier And seconded by Rep.  
Osgood. Questioned by Rep. Rodeschin. In paragraph 2 should have  
dollars referenced, and the same in paragraph 3 referring to the \$2  
million dollar line of credit. She did not understand the section on  
jail renovations and moved to table acceptance of the minutes until  
she could check previous notes. This motion was seconded by Rep.  
John Cloutier. The motion passed 4-0.

II. Transfer requests.

Sullivan County Health care has several negative balances that need  
to be addressed. The facility has need to use a "wound vac"  
machine. The cost of renting this machine is \$64 dollars a day. It

would cost approximately \$9k to purchase this machine. This issue is addressed in the new budget. Medicaid A has a shortfall due to the same issue. The recreation therapy fund has a shortfall due to toner usage.

Rep. John Cloutier made a motion to transfer \$11,700 to Sullivan County Health Care. This was seconded by Rep. Jim McClammer, Passed on a 5-0 vote.

The paper work for several other transfers not requiring EFC permission was provided.

#### Reports:

#### County Cash Position:

THE County has receive a \$2million dollar line of credit from the Connecticut River Bank. There is \$750k left in the bank at this time and we probably won't touch the LOC until June. Last year we borrowed \$3.123M by the end of the year. We will probably borrow \$1M this year.

#### Status of jail renovations:

HVAC for new building and upgrades to existing systems. Two test pits were dug. No significant ledge was found to impede construction of the treatment facility.

The treatment facility is to be attached to the existing jail. This will cut operating costs. 3 positions will be eliminated. We will use the existing boiler for both facilities. If buildings are attached the full sprinkler system can use the same system.

Rep. Rodeschin wanted to see the plans for when buildings are attached. Rep. Gottling said she is planning a meeting at the Unity complex to see what will be happening. Mr Chanis suggested a public meeting so all can see.

#### Nursing Home Census

April census has not closed. We average 144.6 patients and budgeted for 137 patients. All revenue sources are running over budget.

#### Review of Budget Summaries:

Discussion on Encumbrances. Our software uses encumbrances only for an open purchase order. As soon as a check is cut the appropriate account is charged. At the end of fiscal year all accounts payable will be equal and should be within budget.

Overview of commissioners budget:

The deadline for the budget to the state is at the end of August. The end of the fiscal year is 6-30. The public hearing on the commissioners budget is to be set by the chairman of the county delegation not sooner than 10 days, or later than 20 days after the MS46 has been filed by the commissioners. Mr. Chanis was going to see if he could get the commissioners to file the MS46 this week.

The EFC will meet Friday, May 22 at 8:30am in the Frank Smith living room at the Nursing Home to tour the Nursing Home and the DOC.

Rep. Gagnon wanted a delegation meeting before the public hearing in order to review the budget.

Contract workers will have a 3% increase.

Claremont is discussing an increase in sewer charges. 10% in July and again 10% in Jan. Mr. Groff spoke and said they really did not know what would happen.

Rep. Cloutier asked if the debt from before (\$1M deficit) was listed in Contra money? Yes.

No stimulus money was used in this budget. That would be used to decrease Nursing Home negative balances.

There is no plan for borrowing next year as \$1M deficit reduction was built in and there will be stimulus money.

There appears to be an increase in the accountants budget. We have not budget for a finance director.

Contra revenue is a positive number and has the effect of lowering revenue.

Rep, John Cloutier left at 11:15.

Motion made to adjourn until Monday morning, May 18 at 8:15am.

Made by Rep. Osgood, seconded by Rep. McClammer at 11:21

Passed 4-0

*C. P. Sweeney*

approved @ MAY 18, 2009 meeting